presentation materials such as rights and responsbilities of investors, 'dos and don'ts relating to various aspects of the securities market, mutual funds, investment in public offers, substantial acquisition of shares and takeovers, etc. in 10 regional languages besides Hindi and English. More than 10 lakh booklets/reading material/do's; and don'ts were distributed in 10 regional languages besides Hindi and English.

(e) and (f) SEBI, *vide* its circular dated October 29, 2004, has mandated that the IPF shall be administered by a trust created for the purpose. The trust shall consist of at least one public repersentative from the registered investor associations recognized by SEBI and the Executive Directors/Managing Directors/Administrators of the stock exchange.

**Housing and educational loans for tribals**

536. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalized banks are refusing to give housing and educational loans to tribals;

(b) how many tribals have received housing loans in Jharkhand during the last three *years; and*

(c) how many tribals have been refused these loans during the last three years, district-wise, year-wise and bank-wise in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Year-wise break-up of tribals receiving housing loan from banks in Jharkhand during the last three years is given below:

| Year | No. of beneficiaries of Housing Loan |
|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 524 |
| 2005-06 | 629 |
| 2006-97 | 665 |
| TOTAL : | 1818 |

(c) As per the information received from the Convener of State Leve Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meetings in Jharkhand, no eligible and viable proposal of tribals in Jharkhand for housing and education loans have been refused by the banks during the last three years.

**Appreciation of Rupee**

537. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rupee has appreciated almost by 15 per cent in recent times;

(b) if so, what is Government's view on the rate of increase in rupee that is acceptable and seen as non-disruptive to the economy; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure stability of Indian economy in the face of this rupee appreciation?